

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**  
**OET Writing – Reason Linkers**

**Starter:**

**Use these reason/purpose words to complete these sentences**

*as / due to / because / for / so as to / since / owing to / because of / in order to*

- Ms Khan was admitted **because/as/since** she had chest pains and shortness of breath.
- Ms Khan was admitted **because of/due to/owing to** chest pains and shortness of breath.  
 = reason
- Ms Khan was admitted **for** further observation. = purpose
- Ms Khan was admitted **in order to/so as to** undergo further observation. = purpose

Conjunction	Preposition / Prepositional Phrase	Infinitive
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clause 1 + linker + clause 2</li> <li>Linker + clause 1 + comma + clause 2</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clause + linker + gerund/noun phrase</li> <li>Linker + gerund/noun phrase + comma + clause</li> </ol>	Clause + infinitive phrase
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Khan was admitted <b>because/as/since</b> she had chest pains and shortness of breath.</li> <li><b>As/Since</b> Ms Khan had chest pains and shortness of breath, she was admitted.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Khan was admitted <b>because of/due to/owing to</b> chest pains and shortness of breath.</li> <li><b>Because of/Due to/Owing to</b> chest pains and shortness of breath, Ms Khan was admitted.</li> </ol>	Ms Khan was admitted <b>in order to/so as to</b> undergo further observation.

## Practice:

Complete these reason sentences with your own ideas:

1. As the patient's symptoms were worsening, he was transferred to ICU / further assessments were required.
2. The patient was advised to avoid strenuous activities because he had had a heart attack. / ...these activities may be harmful for his condition. / ...of having back pain.
3. The surgery was postponed due to a lack of staff. / ...the presence of some contraindications.
4. The medication was prescribed in order to treat the illness. / ...relieve post-operative pain.
5. The patient presented at the clinic for a routine check-up / ...further investigations.

## Can you write a reason sentence using these notes from Mrs Catlin?

- 15 May 2021:** Ready for discharge to nursing home for temporary care
- Concerns:
- Pt lives alone, no home help
  - Keen to return to own home ASAP
  - Significantly lowered mobility → 30 min/day of physical activity to be encouraged
  - Still episodes of confusion → assessment for independent living recommended

### Some examples...

Mrs Catlin should be encouraged to do physical activity for 30 minutes a day **due to** her significantly lowered mobility.

Mrs Caitlin requires an assessment for independent living **because** she is still experiencing episodes of confusion.

**As** Mrs Caitlin is still experiencing episodes of confusion, an assessment for independent living is recommended.

## Can you write a reason sentence using these notes from Mr Dunbar?

Pt appears unmotivated. Resents having to take medication: 'always been healthy'

Takes medication intermittently; encouraged to take regularly

Educated regarding need for regular medication and potential adverse effects of intermittent dosing

Discussed strategies of memory aids

### Some examples...

Mr Dunbar was educated on the need to take his medication regularly **in order to** avoid the potential adverse effects of intermittent dosing.

**Since** Mr Dunbar was taking his medication intermittently, he was educated on the need for regular medication.

The use of memory aids was discussed **so as to** help Mr Dunbar to take his medication regularly.